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Note verbale dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

1. The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space* (hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Convention"), has the honour to transmit information concerning space objects launched from the territory of the People's Republic of China.

2. AsiaSat-1, AsiaSat-2, APSTAR-I and APSTAR-IA are all telecommunications satellites which were launched from Xichang in the People's Republic of China (see ST/SG/SER.E/222, ST/SG/SER.E/300 and Corr.1 and ST/SG/SER.E/316). With effect from 1 July 1997, these space objects were carried on the Register of Space Objects of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Therefore, from that date the People's Republic of China has been the State of registry of these space objects for the purposes of the Registration Convention and article VIII of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.**

*General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.
**General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex, of 19 December 1966.